Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission
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RESOLUTION #10-19
Merriam Park Concept Plan

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission is an appointed body established to advise the Mayor and City Council on long-range and city-wide matters related to Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, The Union Park District Council through their Park and Recreation Committee worked with The Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) Community-Based Research Programs and the MN Student Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects to work with Landscape Architecture graduate students on a 'Visioning' process to prepare a Master Concept Plan for Merriam Park.

WHEREAS, the Union Park board adopted the plan so that implementation steps can begin. The plan includes a long term - 25 year - vision to complete.

WHEREAS, the neighbors had input to the 'Visioning' plan at an Ice Cream social in July 2008, and an "Evening in Merriam Park" on September 21, 2008, and other meetings.

WHEREAS, the student did communicate with various Parks and Recreation staff for input and some of the Parks staff recommendations are reflected in the final document, however, it is understood that this plan is an illustrative concept only and that a much more detailed site plan will be required prior to implementation of many of the elements noted such as the walkway, rain gardens, splash pad, building addition, etc.

WHEREAS, the Division of Parks and Recreation agrees that the less impactful planting projects and certain other appropriate parts of the plan can be pursued and eventually implemented as funding is sought and approved, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission hereby accepts the Merriam Park Concept Plan as noted.

Adopted by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on October 13, 2010:

Approved: Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: 1

Resolution #10-19 Attested to by:

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Staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission

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MASTER PLAN

The illustrative master plan is a culmination of analysis, stakeholder engagement and goal setting. The plan can be broken down into five "design principles" which are major concepts generalized from the synthesized project goals. A short description of each design principle follows.

THE FIVE DESIGN PRINCIPLES

restoration

confluence

mobility

sustainability

visibility